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COUNTRY East Germany

SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from the Fuerstenberg-Templin Area

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1A

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 6 to 8 October 1953

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

SOURCE

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Between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. on 6 October 1953, source observed no Soviet troops in the Liebenwalde - Gross Schoenebeck area; at 7 p.m. on the same day, no troops were seen in the Zehdenick - Gransee - Fuerstenberg area. No troop movements were observed in the Herzwalde - Gollenbaum - Wokuhl - Rutenberg area on 7 October. Between 10 and 11 a.m., source observed 10 detachments of about 10 soldiers each deployed along the Rutenberg - Althymen road. The soldiers wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Two radio sections whose men wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were also observed.<sup>1</sup> At 6 p.m., truck [REDACTED] took soldiers who were going on leave to the Fuerstenberg railroad station. Between 8 and 8:30 a.m. on 8 October, source observed, near Fuerstenwalde railroad station, trucks [REDACTED] loaded with soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. At 8:40 a.m., eight trucks [REDACTED] all of them loaded with billeting equipment, were seen proceeding toward Lychen. Between 10 and 11 a.m., 12 squads of 8 to 10 soldiers each who wore red-bordered black epaulets were seen proceeding on the road to Lychen. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen on the road.<sup>1</sup> At 2 p.m. on 8 October, source observed a train loaded with 8 SU 100 SP guns, including [REDACTED] armored scout car, 1 half-track armored personnel carrier, and 6 boxcars proceeding through Hammelspring toward Templin. At 2:15 p.m., 200 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and artillery, tank, and signal insignia in addition to billeting equipment and baggage were loaded on three flatcars and 15 boxcars at Vogelsang. The locomotive was headed toward the north. Trucks [REDACTED] were involved in the loading operation.

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25X1A. Comment. Component units of the 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div possibly held exercises in the area north of the Templin troop training grounds. The exercises cannot have been started before 2 October when the units returned from an exercise at division level. It is unknown whether the rail shipment of billeting equipment which probably belonged to this regiment, was connected with this exercise.

25X1A. Comment. Units of the 25th Tank Div were probably shipped to Granienburg. According to transportation reports, the shipment had shipment-record and was dispatched from Vogelsang to Granienburg. The shipment which was seen proceeding from Templin was possibly dispatched to Prenzlau.

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